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FROM ENDERS FOR AMBASSADOR AND USDEL

1. I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT OVER TURN OF
EVENTS. UNFORTUNATELY, INSTRUCTIONS I HAD APPROVED WERE
BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT CAB WAS INCLINED TO CONCUR
IN GRANT OF TOKYO-GUAM RIGHTS UNDER CONDITIONS, WHEREAS
IT HAS SINCE DEVELOPED THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE. IN FACT,
CAB IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO TOKYO-GUAM RIGHTS. ALSO, WHILE
I AGREE THAT PAN AM HAD MORE THAN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE
ITS VIEWS ON A TIMELY BASIS, WE ARE FACED NOW WITH FACT
PAN AM HAS TAKEN EXTREMELY HARD AND NEGATIVE POSITION AND
IS CALLING INTO QUESTION ADMINISTRATION'S INTENT TO
SUPPORT AIRLINE IN ITS TIME OF CRISIS. I HAVE TALKED
PERSONALLY TO PAN AM CHAIRMAN SEAWELL AND TOLD HIM WHY
WE NEED FLEXIBILITY; HE HAS AGREED TO HAVE ANOTHER LOOK
AND SO HAVE I.

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2. PAN AM'S STRONGEST INTERESTS, AS EXPRESSED BY AIRLINE,
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. NO GRANT OF TRAFFIC RIGHTS TO THAIS BETWEEN GUAM, ON
ONE HAND, AND TOKYO, HONG KONG, AND MANILA.

B. NO GRANT OF TRAFFIC RIGHTS TO THAIS BETWEEN AMERICAN
SAMOA AND AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND TAHITI.

C. REMOVAL OF CURRENT THAI RESTRICTIONS ON US AIRLINES
AND THAI ACCEPTANCE OF SOME CAPACITY FILING PROCEDURE
WHICH WE COULD RELY ON IN FUTURE IF THAIS, AS THEY HAVE
IN PAST, ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE NEW UNILATERAL RESTRICTIONS ON
US AIRLINES.

3. I BELIEVE USDEL SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN
AS MUCH OF FOREGOING AS IS POSSIBLE AND, FROM WHAT HAS
BEEN REPORTED, SOME POINTS SHOULD BE OBTAINABLE. IT
CONTINUES REMAIN OPEN TO USDEL TO PROPOSE INCLUSION
TOKYO ON GUAM ROUTE WITH EXERCISE TRAFFIC RIGHTS SUBJECT
FURTHER CONSULTATION. IF THIS OFFER HAS NOT BEEN MADE,
I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE.

4. IN FINAL ANALYSIS, IF ALL ELSE FAILS, I AM PREPARED
TO CONSIDER FURTHER A POSITION ON NATIONAL INTEREST
GROUNDS THAT TOKYO-GUAM RIGHTS BE GRANTED BUT ONLY IF
ITEM 2C ABOVE IS SATISFIED. HOWEVER, USDEL SHOULD FIRST
FULLY EXPLORE AND TEST ALL OTHER POSSIBILITIES. PLEASE
KEEP US INFORMED IN DETAIL. INGERSOLL

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